

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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**UTILIZATION OF A HIGHLY FLUORINATED OLIGOMERIC ALKAN IN
OPHTHALMOLOGY**

the specification of which: (check one)

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

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